

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Jul 58		2. LOCATION Etain AFB, France		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Sputnik</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>11/2127Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <u>Binoculars/</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar <u>tried too late</u>			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SSW to NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Egg-shaped obj, size of grapefruit, white, w/interval of light blinking on & off. Obj traveled straight & level, blinked off to the North & never came on again.				11. COMMENTS Confirmed as Sputnik III.	



AFCIN-4E4g  
24 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Miatech - AFCIN-4F3a

SUBJECT: General Orbital-Track Checks for Air Sciences Division.

1. This office has received a number of UFO reports from LOC posts in the Green Bay, Northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota areas. A cursory check discloses that these are primarily staffed with high school students now on vacation and elderly people with time on their hands. Their reliability is obvious. However, would appreciate if a check for Satellite be made on the basis of the following observed in that area:

- a. Time: Between 2120 to 2140 hours (local).
- b. Date: 12 July 1958.
- c. General direction: SSW to ENE.
- d. UFO appearance: Very small, white and round.

2. Just received UFO report from Air Attache, France - there were four military observers. Basic data:

- a. Place: NE France (50 N - 4 E). ✓
- b. Time: 2127 Z (GMT for that area considered 0. Therefore, local time same.)
- c. Date: 11 July 1958.
- d. General direction: 180 - 190 degrees to 4050 degrees, estimate, i. e. generally SW to NE.
- e. Appearance: Round, white. In sight approximately one minute.

3. Your comments and results of your computations may be hand written directly on this memorandum. Would appreciate it if you would give us a call.

1. Confirmed  
2. No doubt  
was S. J. White  
GEORGE T. GREGORY  
Captain, USAF



11/2127 Z Jul

1 Witness 12/2 1410 Z Jul

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE OF MESSAGE  
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. CHECK  
BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

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TELEPHONED	
To	O.D.-GUARD
No.	37131
Time	1500
Date	12/2/58
By	EC

T SQG863YDA295ZCJYA836ZCHJA693

PP RJEDDN RJEDSQ

ZFD RJFMSX

HJB25TWA31

PP RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJEZHQ

DE RJFMHW 3A

P 131500Z

FM COMDR TFW 49

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC

RJEZHQ/ACS INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/CIS HQ USAF

INFO RJFPLD/DCADV ATTN DIR AIR INTELL

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UNCLASS FROM 49WO-I 7-253. (UFO) IN COMPLIANCE WITH AFR

200-2, 5 FEB 58, THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED. A. DESCRIP-

TION OF OBJECT: (1) EGG SHAPED (2) GRAPFRUIT. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (5) N/A (6) MOVING FAST REGULAR

XXX.) (7) INTERVAL OF LIGHT BLINKING ON AND OFF  
XXX.) (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) ALTITUDE ABOVE X

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WENT OUT TO TAKE A WEATHER

OBSERVATION AND SAW IT MOVING. (2) ABOUT 80 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVA-

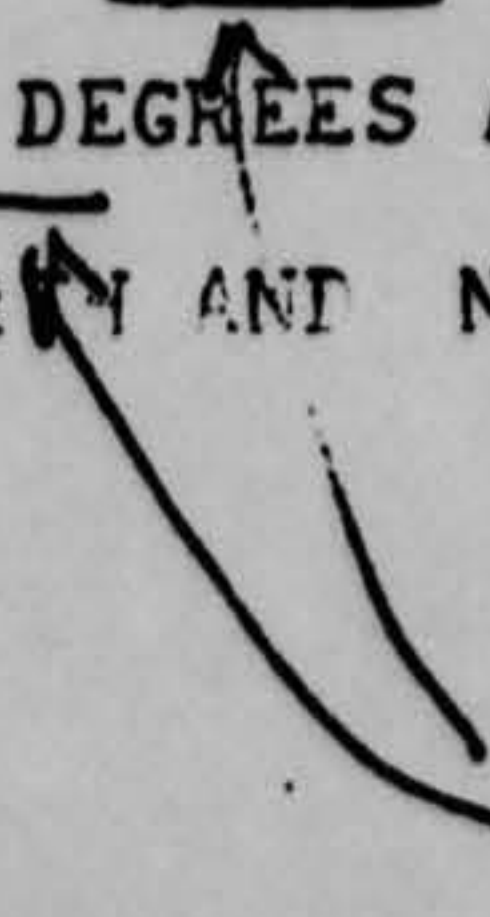
TION 133 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (3) ABOUT 40 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION

40 DEGREES ASIMUTH. (4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL. (5) BLINKED OFF TO THE

NORTH AND NEVER CAME ON AGAIN. (6) NO MORE THAN 25 SECONDS

This report by

ILUBM



Note: Object travelled generally from SSW to NE  
(see wind directions x below)



11 July 58

GMT 0000

Local 2127

10:27 PM

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE BINOCULARS  
TRIED BUT OBJECT GONE. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 112127Z JULY 1958. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: CONTROL  
TOWER ETAIN AIR BASE FRANCE, [REDACTED] IDENTIFYING INFORMA-  
TION ON OBSERVER: (2) [REDACTED]

31ST WEATHER SQUADRON, APO87, WEATHER OBSERVER AND BELIEVED TO BE  
RELIABLE. G: WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE  
OF SIGHTING. (1) 4000 SCATTERED, HIGH THIN OVERCAST, VISIBILITY SIX  
MILES WITH HAZE. VISIBILITY TO THE NORTH FOUR MILES. (2) AWS REPORTS  
THE FOLLOWING WIND VELOCITIES AND DIRECTIONS:

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED
5000 FT	230/15
10000 FT	240/20
15000 FT	240/25
20000 FT	240/35
25000 FT	240/40
30000 FT	220/50
35000 FT	220/50
40000 FT	240/45
45000 FT	250/30

Weather conditions  
definitely not conducive  
for good observations  
particularly at  
night!

conditions at that  
time?

N 56

all

wind

from SW

to NE - general

direction of day & observer

Why no mention of  
balloon releases or  
tracks in area ???!

NORTH

best observation

GENERAL

COURSE

SW to NE

EAST

WEST

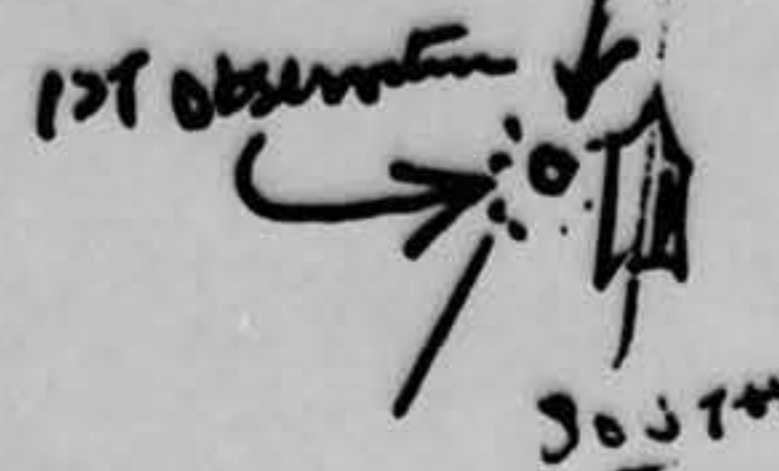
observer

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5000 FT 250/25



55000 FT	270 / 20
60000 FT	230 / 12
65000 FT	NOT REPORTED
70000 FT	140 / 12
80000 FT	160 / 12



(3) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (4) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (5) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (6) NONE. H: NONE I. NONE. [REDACTED] CONTROL WAS CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AND NO RADAR CONTACT WITH A FOREIGN OBJECT. K: COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER (CAPTAIN [REDACTED] JR WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER). IN ADDITION TO AIRMAN [REDACTED] AIRMAN FIRST [REDACTED] AND AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] (TOWER OPERATORS) MADE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME OBSERVATIONS. NO CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN BY THE PREPARING OFFICER EXCEPT THAT THE UFO SIGHTED BY INDIVIDUALS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS AND OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME BEARS A LIMITED VERIFICATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF UFO. SECOND REPORT: A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND IN APPEARANCE. (2) MORE THE SIZE OF A BASKET BALL. (3) FLUORESCENT (WHITE). (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) LIGHT CAME ON AND OFF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES.

*Sgt. O'Brien:*  
 This is highly suggestive of one of the satellites - has all satellite characteristics and was moving at around the exact flight path of Sputnik. Check with Computer and Astronomers. My initial tracks are too old. STG

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B: DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WIFE SIGHTED OBJECT FIRST AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO IT. (2) 45 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION 220 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (3) 45 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION 40 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL COURSE. (5) FADED FROM SIGHT *Time - sight* GRADUALLY TO THE NORTHEAST. (6) TWO AND ONE HALF MINUTES. C: MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D: TIME



A: DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 122140Z JULY 1958. (2) NIGHT. E: LOCATION  
 OF OBSERVER: CHAMBLEY AIR BASE FRANCE 4902N 0553E. F: IDENTIFYING  
 INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (2) BRIDENDOLPH JUSTIN D. STAFF SGT 49  
 COMM SQUADRON APO 37 DUTY-CRYPTO OPERATOR AND BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE  
 G: WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING  
 (1) CLEAR NO CLOUDS. (2) ETAIN WEATHER REPORT FOR SURROUNDING AREA  
 BY ETAIN AWS.

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED	ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED
5000 FT	220/15	35000	250/30
10000 FT	230/20	40000	260/20
15000 FT	230/20	45000	270/15
20000 FT	230/30	50000	240/10
25000 FT	240/35	55000	240/10
30000 FT	250/30	60000	240/15

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70000	230/10
80000	170/15

(3) HIGH BROKEN. (4) NINE MILES. (5) .6-.8 (6) NONE. H: NONE.  
 I: NONE. [REDACTED] CONTROL WAS CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT  
 IN THE AREA AND REPORTED NO RADAR CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT: K: SEE  
 PARAGRAPH K, PRECEEDING REPORT. L: NONE

BT

13/1530Z JUL RJFMHW



Comment re sighting No. 1:

Date: 12 July 1958	)	13/0220 - 0240 July
Hours: 2120 - 2140 local	)	88 W, 4500 (Covers area to the North
Place: Area near Greenbay, Wisc.)		and West also)

a. 0240 Z on 13 July 1958 (Sputnik III rocket) was  
over Lake Huron at 135 miles altitude.

Using general observation point of 45 degrees N - 90 degrees West the satellite (1958  $\Delta_I$ ) of Sputnik III followed the rocket portion by about 8 minutes at this particular time. It's orbit was about 115 miles to the West of the rocket's orbit but still pretty much in the visibility range, i.e. (visible at 45 degrees N and 75 degrees - 80 degrees W) upper half of lower Michigan. Although the direction of motion is consistent with that of Sputnik III, neither component seems to have been sufficiently ~~low~~ off the eastern horizon to be seen in the area described.

Comment re sighting No. 2:

Date: 11 July 1958  
Time: 2127 Z  
Place: NE France (50 N 4 E)

1958  $\Delta_I$  (rocket) should have been in the vicinity of the sighting area (50 degrees N, 4 degrees E) at 2117 Z on 11 July at an altitude of 165 miles traveling in a direction of 25 degrees.

Captain G. Miatech  
Astronautics Branch



General Winds and Velocities  
for 11 mi. SW of Buffalo, Wyoming  
Afternoon, 12 July 58

From Sgt. Jordan  
City of Wyo.

h.p. - 100  
Phone - 50122

300	at 16 knots
310	20
310	30
320	25
300	20

30 knots  
the average.  
30 knots  
30 knots

Scattered clouds 1/10ths

Winds from NW  
Visibility 10 miles, clear

30 miles  
43 miles  
SHERIDAN  
Buffalo  
UFO LOCATION

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0635 MST GMT 12/1335Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Parachute or balloon like obj, stationary.		11. COMMENTS Altho very limited info, description is of a balloon.	



# Analysis - Comments: 0635Z

TELEPHONED	
To	5512/
No.	012
Time	0635Z
Date	12 JULY 58
By	KE

① Very meager report - only that a balloon -  
like object observed through binoculars  
at around 6:30 in the evening.

Multi

② Check with U.S. Weather Bureau Schedules  
shows balloon released Northwest of this  
location at approx 5:30 PM (Shenandoah, Wyo).

③ Buffalo, Wyo. is 30 miles SE of Shenandoah Wx unit

④ Location of UFO sighting (see below) is 43 miles  
from Wx unit releasing balloon

⑤ Check with 6th Wx Gp for winds in that area: 4E4  
3-5

V 50F683	YEC298KZCQYD	Surface - 300/16 knots	Winds, were therefore blowing from NW - ESE
FF RJEDBN RJEDSO		6,000 - 310/20 knots	
DE RJWZGU 1A		10,000 - 310/30 knots	
		16,000 - 320/25 knots	
		20,000 - 310/20 knots	

⑥ At 40,300 knots (33,000 ft) balloon  
would be over location and  
approx. time reported.  
almost exactly

Place: Buffalo, Wyoming  
Date: 12 July 58  
Time: 0635 MST

TO RJWZGU/COMER 29TH AFIWBT

RJEDBN/COMER ALC

RJEDSO/COMER AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEZHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF WASH

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/CIN. 454 ATTN. DIRECTOR OF INT. UFOB.

1. DESCRIPTION: PARACHUTE BALLOON LIKE.

2. OBJECT WAS NOT MOVING

3. OBJECT OBSERVED THROUGH FIELD GLASSES.

4. SIGHTED 12 JULY 58 AT 0635 MST 13 MILES SW OF BUFFALO WYO. SEROT  
FG 1411.

5. SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] ANCH, BUFFALO WYO.

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] OBJECT ALSO OBSERVED BY 15 YEAR OLD WHO

WAS WITH [REDACTED]

6. WEATHER WAS CLEAR AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING.

7. CASPER FILTER CENTER RECEIVED AT 0717 MST.

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13/1821Z JUL RJWZGU

Check: This name sounds very familiar

Although very  
limited data  
everything points  
to BALLOON